GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:177
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2001
PILFERAGE OF COAL
JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAIYA;SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment at any stage about the quantity of coal pilferred during transportation from coal mines to its destination.

(b) if so, the results thereof;

(c) the reason for such pilferage;

(d) the preventive steps taken by the Government to reduce the loss suffered on account of such pilferage of coal;

(e) the extent to which railway employees and Railway Protection Force (R.P.F.) personnel are involved; and

(f) the action taken against each of them?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARREDQUESTION NO.177 BY SHRI JAIBHANSINGH PAWAIYA AND SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2001 REGARDING PILFERAG OF COAL.

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Approximately 426 tones of Coal worth Rupees 2.13 Lakhs was reported pilfered during transportation in the year 2000-2001.

(c) Mainly the villagers located near the railway tracks pilfer coal for domestic use and small scale business.

(a) The following preventive steps have been taken by the Government to reduce the loss suffered on account of pilferage of coal.

1. Coal carrying trains are escorted by RPF personnels in vulnerable sections.
2. Track patrolling by RPF personnel is done near notorious villages.
3. Frequent raids are conducted against receivers.

(e) 5 Railway Employees were arrested during the year under reference. There was no RPF personnel involved in any of these cases.

(f) All the 5 Railway Employees were prosecuted under the provisions of the Railway Property (Unlawful Possession) Act, 1966.